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Elastomeric Compositions With Improved Processability

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U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/725,143 filed December 1, 2003, by
Mary L. DeLucia et al. for "Films and Methods of Forming Films Having Polyorganosiloxane
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This application is not listed on the accompanying PTO Form 1449, however, a copy is provided herewith.

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Applicants recommend that the Examiner conduct an independent search for any and all available material prior art and independently review the results of such search and the documents cited within this Statement.

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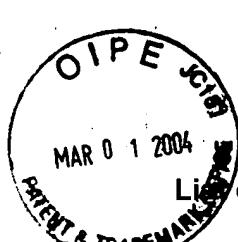
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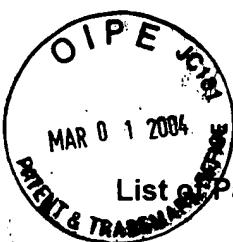
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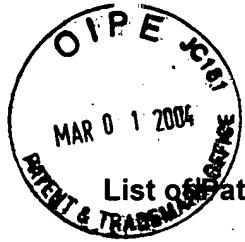
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